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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Recruitment of Officers for Cavalry and Infantry Units.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 351—31-32, dated 2nd March 1932, from the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, submitting a scheme for recruitment of officers for the Cavalry and Infantry Regiments and their training.

ORDER No. G. 8830-1—MILY. 163-31-5, DATED BANGALORE, 10TH MAY 1932.

The Chief Commandant reports that about 15 places of officers will fall vacant in the Cavalry Regiments during the next 4 years (or on an average of four a year) due to retirements and transfers, and six officers will be required every year in connection with the scheme of reorganization of the Infantry Regiments into an Active Unit. In all, an average of ten officers a year are needed for the Cavalry and Infantry combined. He proposes that one or two of these may be filled up by promotion if suitable candidates are forthcoming from the lower ranks and that for the remainder a Cadet Class of 14 young applicants for Commission may be organised, the minimum educational qualifications for admission being the completed S.S.L.C. Examination. According to his scheme, these candidates will receive pay and clothing allowance as Infantry Havildars (Rs. 20 plus Rs. 2) and will be offered Commissions after not less than one year's successful training as vacancies occur and they become fit for the appointment. Candidates for the Cavalry Regiments will undergo a further period of two years probation and those for the Infantry six months probation before confirmation. The cost of the whole scheme will be met by leaving sufficient number of vacancies in the Cavalry and Infantry Regiments.

Government are pleased to approve of the above recommendations of the Chief Commandant. He is requested to send the names of candidates proposed for admission to the Cadet Class for the approval of Government.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Scheme of Aided Cattle Breeding.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 322-89—A. & E. 64-30-14, dated 17th July 1931, sanctioning the amalgamation of the Live Stock Section and the Amrut Mahal Department and reserving for separate consideration, the scheme submitted by the Director of Agriculture, for the disposal of animals of the disbanded herds of the Amrut Mahal Department by distributing them among servegars subject to certain conditions.

ORDER NO. D. 5581-92—A. M. 18-30-7, DATED BANGALORE, 5—6TH MAY 1932.

While examining the scheme of aided cattle breeding submitted by the Director with special reference to the reduction of the number of herds in the Amrut Mahal Department and the disposal of surplus stock, the following three alternative courses were considered by Government for the disposal of surplus stock :—

- (1) For use in a scheme of aided cattle breeding.
- (2) Sale.
- (3) Deferring the decision for reducing the number of herds.

The Director of Agriculture is of opinion that the third alternative would only result in continuing the existing evils and irregularities and that it is not desirable to consider it seriously. The second alternative is not found feasible as it would not be possible to sell the female stock readily. The first therefore is the only course that could be adopted, as it will not only help to reduce the number of herds but also to increase the number of good breeding bulls the need for which is great.

The main features of the scheme are :—

- (1) The sale of the surplus female stock to servegars and others for aided cattle breeding subject to immediate payment of 25 per cent of their value, the balance being payable in six annual instalments, interest at 6 per cent being charged on all overdue amounts.
- (2) Grazing ground out of Amrut Mahal kavals not exceeding 2,000 acres in each case to be leased out for ten years, with permission to raise fodder crops, at an annual rental of Rs. 200.
- (3) The breeders will be required to work under the supervision of the Live Stock Expert.
- (4) The area cultivated in any year for crops other than fodder should be subject to levy of assessment by the Revenue Department.
- (5) The exploitation of forest produce and preservation of sandal growth will remain under the control of the Forest Department.

Government agree with the views of the Director and are pleased to approve of the scheme, subject to the conditions appended hereto and direct that it may be given a trial.

The Director of Agriculture is requested to take early action to give effect to this scheme by notifying the conditions in the Gazette and inviting applications from servegars and others interested in cattle breeding.

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Development Department.*